



CITY OF ELLISVILLE

# TRAILBLAZER

Fall  
2021

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## From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

When I sat down to write this, my first thought was how nice it has been to have a summer concert series that was so close to normal and an amazing Fourth of July celebration that went off without issues all under our new amphitheater roof. There has been some rain and some heat, but the crowds have still been amazing. There was a real sense of community and you could just tell, people were reveling in being able to enjoy the outdoor events and did so in a responsible way! Our next big event at Bluebird Park will be our Hot Dog it's Chili, which is our annual Chili Cookoff and Dog Costume Contest. There will be Free Kids entertainment and live music, so we are looking forward to that on Friday, October 15th from 5:30 – 8:30pm. K-9 Dark will be in attendance to join his fellow canines along with his partner Officer Peacock. These two were recently honored by

Chief Lewis for their outstanding performance in responding to a request for assistance from the city of O'Fallon, where they ultimately apprehended all 4 suspects and took a loaded handgun and some deadly fentanyl off the street. Make sure to congratulate them on a great job when you see them.

The 2020 Census results were recently released and the official population count for Ellisville was estimated at 9,985 people. Prior to this, there was hope that we would hit 10,000 so it was a little disappointing at first that we came so close but missed the mark. Then the realization quickly set in that this estimate was as of April 1, 2020 and since then Creek Valley Retirement Community opened its doors adding 144 new Residential Units to Ellisville and they have added more than enough new residents for us to safely say at last Ellisville is a City of 10,000 plus people.

We will soon be growing again as the City Council recently approved 225 Luxury Residential units to be built on the sight of the long-vacant car dealership at 15950 Manchester Rd. across from City Hall. In the front lots, there will also be a new Culvers Restaurant as well as another commercial space whose occupant is yet to be determined. I am happy to report the Culvers will be owned and operated by Dan and Valerie Siemer, who recently won the business of the year for their Culvers Restaurant in the City of Manchester. Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not make mention of the most asked about new business that has been trying to come to Ellisville for a few years... our long-awaited Freddie's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers will be opening at 15676 Manchester Rd soon, hopefully by the time you read this??

Yours Truly,  
Mayor Mike Roemer

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## Community Policing

The Ellisville Police Department is a full service 24/7 police agency capable of providing services and responsive policing to meet the needs of our community. The Police Department employs 24 full time police officers who work twelve-hour shifts providing constant coverage to respond to the needs of Ellisville residents, businesses and visitors to our City. We additionally have a dedicated unit to community policing that addresses neighborhood issues and enforcement. While we are a smaller agency, we work cooperatively and seamlessly with our neighbors on all sides. We have initiated a number of programs that include but not limited to, crime scene processing, canine response and drug recognition expertise, along with many more collaborative efforts. These programs are to ensure the level of policing that the Ellisville and West County communities receive are the best possible services anywhere in the country. True community policing involves knowing your community and responding to their needs, problems brought to law enforcement from the perspective of the neighborhood, not problems we as an agency perceive. We achieve this through community contacts, foot and bike patrols, business liaisons and being in our schools, churches and neighborhoods as often as possible. We are proud of the policing we provide and look forward to improving on those services.

In the next issue of the Trailblazer, we will be sending out a citizen satisfaction survey. The purpose of this survey is determine what we as an agency can do to improve services as well as identify strengths and areas of growth for our agency. 2020 was a very difficult year for all of us, but our agency persevered and continued to provide quality services to our residents. Our hopes are that the survey will be well received, and our community will recognize our efforts as a police agency to provide the highest level of service possible!

Chief Steven Lewis

*Want to hear the latest news on  
business in your community?*



Then let us connect you to your  
local businesses.

## THE ELLISVILLE CONNECTION

YOUR SOURCE TO LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS

The Ellisville Economic Development Commission is happy to announce our new quarterly digital business newsletter, The Ellisville Connection - your source to local business news. The newsletter will keep you in the know on local developments, sales, service, and so much more. To sign up, please head to this link: [www.ellisville.mo.us/list.aspx](http://www.ellisville.mo.us/list.aspx). Join us in keeping up to date with the business in your area!

## Family Campout

Come out to Bluebird Park to camp with your friends and family! Leave those electronics at home and join us in getting back to nature. There will be a bonfire, games, hiking, camp songs and more. Dinner and breakfast are included!

Saturday, September 18 - 3:00pm - 9:00am  
Bussmann Pavilion

\$35 per family (4) - \$8 additional

Note: Families will need to provide their own tent and sleeping materials. Pre-registration required.

**3rd Annual Behind the Lens:**

## Photography Contest and Exhibit November 7 - 12, 2021

**Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park**

This contest is an event of the Ellisville Arts and History Council and is free and open to both amateur and professional photographers. Entry requirements, registration forms and judging information can be found at [ellisville.mo.us](http://ellisville.mo.us) New this year, there will also be a Veteran's Tribute Display with photos that depict what "Patriotism Means to Me"

**Photo drop off October 18-29, 2021**

## Managed Deer Hunt in Klamberg Conservation Area

The Missouri Department of Conservation and the City of Ellisville are working cooperatively to administer a managed deer hunt to help control the deer population. During the hunt the conservation area will be closed to the public but the majority of Bluebird Park will remain open. The dates for this year's hunt are Monday - Friday, November 8-12, 2021

Five hunters will be selected through the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) managed hunt system. All hunters will attend a pre-hunt meeting. All are required to use archery or crossbow equipment, hunt from an elevated stand and are required to harvest an antlerless deer before a second deer (antlered or antlerless) could be taken. A maximum of three deer can be harvested per hunter. No shooting zones of 25 yards are established along the boundaries of Klamberg Conservation Area.

If you have questions regarding the hunt, contact Erin Shank, MDC at (314) 301-1506 or Lisa Blumer, Director of Parks and Recreation at (636) 227-7508.

## Sculpture on the Move – It's a "Humdinger"



The latest new sculpture in Bluebird Park is a 15' tall sculpture titled "Humdinger" by sculptor Dewane Hughes of Tyler Texas. It can be found at the top of the amphitheater hill as it appears to be taking flight. The City of Ellisville is part of the Sculpture on the Move program with other communities in Missouri. This is the 4th sculpture that Ellisville has had as part of the program and will be on display in Bluebird Park for two years.

## Sketching and Watercolor Classes

The Ellisville Arts and History Council is offering two instructional art classes this fall. Taught by local artist Sukanya Mani

### Fall Sketches - Tuesday, Sept. 21 6-8pm

Students will learn to sketch natural materials they find along the trails in Bluebird Park. Fee: \$20 per person

### Fall Watercolors - Saturday, Sept. 25 10am-12pm

Students will learn simple and easy techniques for watercolor painting of natural materials they find along the trails in Bluebird Park. Fee: \$20 per person

Each class will be held outside initially and then finish their artwork inside. To register, go to: [ellisville.mo.us](http://ellisville.mo.us) or call (636) 227-7508.

## Pooch Plunges



The EDGE Aquatic Center is going to the dogs again this summer! Dogs and their owners will have the opportunity to plunge, play, socialize, and have fun at the EDGE on (2) days this summer! Proceeds will

benefit the Ellisville Dog Park.

**Thursday, Sept. 9 5:00 - 8:00pm**

**Saturday, Sept. 11 9:00am - 12:00pm**

\$3 per person - \$7 per dog

Children under 2 are FREE.

## Senior Seminar Program

Ted Gottlieb, Certified Senior Advisor - hosts educational senior seminars at the Park Administration Building from 10:00-11:30am. Below are the remaining session dates and topics.

**September 28: In-Home Care**

**October 26: Senior Living Communities**

**November 23: Estate and Financial Planning**

**December 28: Scams**

For more information visit [ellisville.mo.us](http://ellisville.mo.us)



## The City of Ellisville is Planning for Tomorrow

The City of Ellisville recently launched the **Elevate Ellisville Comprehensive Plan**, which will guide the planning of our community tomorrow and over the next 20 years. This exciting process establishes a community vision, goals, policies, and actions that serve as the foundation for elevating Ellisville's quality of life, residential growth, economic prosperity, and physical improvements.

The planning process also establishes a shorter-term (three-to-five year) Strategic Plan to address the community's immediate needs, especially as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Comprehensive Plan process will continue through May 2022.

### We want to hear from you!

#### A successful comprehensive planning process starts with you!

The goal is to achieve a community-based plan that reflects the desires of Ellisville residents, businesses, community partners, and other stakeholders.

Tell us what you think Ellisville should look like in 20 years, and share your big ideas for important topics impacting our community.

Your input throughout the process will help inform and supplement involvement from the City Council, Planning & Zoning Commission, City Staff, and the Advisory Committee.

### Get involved!

Visit [www.ElevateEllisville.com](http://www.ElevateEllisville.com) to participate in online surveys, community discussions, and other engagement activities. This online platform provides a quick, safe, and convenient way to share your thoughts and ideas throughout the process on a range of topics!

As COVID-19 protocols permit, community members will have additional opportunities for engagement, including: Social media, Small group conversation kits, and Pop-up & community events.

For more information, contact: Ada Hood, AICP, [ahood@ellisville.mo.us](mailto:ahood@ellisville.mo.us), (636) 227-9660 x3042

### Comprehensive Plan Timeline

**September 1, 2021:** Elevate Ellisville Public Launch

**September 2021 – February 2022:** Community Engagement

- Vision & Community Survey Engagement
- Issue Topic Engagement (Quick Polls, Surveys, Discussion Forums)
- Conversation Kits
- Pop-up & Community Events
- Stakeholder Interviews & Focus Groups

**January – April 2022:** Crafting the Comprehensive Plan

**May 2022:** Adoption & Implementation by the Planning & Zoning Commission



## Promoting Ellisville's Commercial Real Estate Opportunities

The City of Ellisville now uses **Catylist**, an analytics platform, to help promote Ellisville's investment and lease opportunities to business owners, corporate site selectors and commercial real estate professionals who are involved in reviewing sites for potential operations. **Catylist** is a national research, technology and marketing platform that tracks all commercial property inventory which is available for lease and for sale, along with transactions in regional markets across the country.

Many development and investment organizations use the data aggregated by **Catylist** to identify potential development, sale or lease opportunities. The City of Ellisville encourages our commercial property owners to post their opportunities in **Catylist**, which offers a public view with additional access to very detailed market statistics. It is extremely beneficial for property owners, investors, developers, professional realtors and brokers to post their Ellisville site locations, development or sale opportunities and lease availabilities to **Catylist** for display at no charge.

### Have a location for sale, lease or investment?

Please reach out to City staff, Ada Hood at [ahood@ellisville.mo.us](mailto:ahood@ellisville.mo.us) or directly to the **Catylist** research team at [stl@catylist.com](mailto:stl@catylist.com) to add your development or sale opportunities and lease availabilities to the platform. Flyers, brochures or just an email with the property and availability detail will start the process. We will keep the information up to date for as long as the availability exists.

## HOT DOG IT'S CHILI

Friday, October 15 - 5:30-8:30pm



Mark your calendars for the 9th annual Hot Dog It's Chili in Bluebird Park! Event goers will come out to listen to the band, participate in children's activities, purchase food from vendors, sample chili, and support the locals! Cast your vote for "people's choice" while a panel of judges search for the BEST chili! Musical entertainment will be announced at a later date.

Teams are formed by local businesses, organizations, and families in search of a friendly competition, prizes, and bragging rights! Chili teams must follow guidelines but the recipe is up to each individual. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sally Grobelny at (636) 227-7508 or at [sgrobelny@ellisville.mo.us](mailto:sgrobelny@ellisville.mo.us)

## Municipal Courts

Municipal courts handle a variety of case types, the State of Missouri has more than 500 municipal division courts. Municipal Courts hear about 75 percent of all cases filed in state courts and 55% Nationwide, that is 55 million cases heard each year nationally in Municipal Courts. The Ellisville Municipal Court hears ordinance offenses. Some ordinance offenses include, Driving while Intoxicated, Shoplifting/stealing, Assault, Speeding, Code Enforcement matters and Traffic Violations. Court Hearings are always open to the general public and citizens are welcome to observe.

## Bonfire Bonanza!

A New Special Family Event!

Special Guest: Storyteller - Anne Williams

Join us for an evening of hayrides to the event site, snacks, bonfire and a riveting story. Please bring a chair to enjoy the fire and story.

Thursday, September 23, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Location: Bluebird Park

Fee: \$25 per family of 4, \$5/additional family member, \$7 for an individual (Pre-registration required)



## New Tools for Crisis Intervention



Recently, the Ellisville Police Department received a generous donation of Synapsory Calming Kits to assist officers in calming the behavior of autistic children that are in crisis. Each patrol

vehicle was outfitted with the calming kits and it didn't take long for us to put them to use. Within a few days of receiving the kits, Corporal Corbett and Officer Kenney used a calming kit and successfully de-escalated an autistic child that had become disruptive at his home.

The Synapsory calming kits allow officers to distract autistic children away from disruptive behavior and focus on the toys inside the calming kit. Each kit contains a Hot/Cold pack, a color changing lamp, calming cards, a mini fan, and a push-it sensory circle.

Every officer within the Ellisville Police Department has received, or is scheduled to receive, a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education in Crisis Intervention. As members of the Crisis Intervention Team, our goal is to de-escalate situations, get those in crisis proper mental health care, and reduce injuries to those in crisis, firefighters, paramedics, and responding police officers. These calming kits have already proven that they can have a positive outcome when dealing with autistic children and we welcome any resources that can help us reach a peaceful resolution during a crisis situation.

If you would like more information on the Synapsory Calming Kits visit [www.thesynapsory.org](http://www.thesynapsory.org).

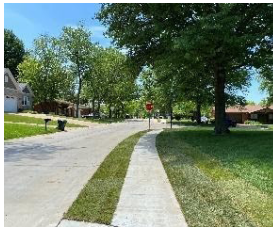
Sergeant George S. Corless  
Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator

## Half Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update

In 2021, the City of Ellisville completed asphalt street resurfacing projects on Bentshire Court, Castle Tower Drive, Palace Place Court, Field Avenue, Lafayette Court, Parkview Estates Drive and Towne Drive. Each of these streets were resurfaced with new asphalt and isolated sections of deteriorated curb and gutter were replaced with new concrete curb and gutter.



The City also completed the construction of a new section of sidewalk along the north side of Barbara Ann Lane. This section of sidewalk runs from East Meadow Lane to Reinke Road and provides a safe pedestrian pathway for residents in the area.



There are several street projects currently underway. Concrete streets that are being completely removed and replaced include Dogwood Meadows Court, Sumac Field Court, Wood Meadow Circle, a section of Autumn Bluff Drive from Wood Meadow Circle to the cul-de-sac, Fair Isle Court and a section of Tartan Green Boulevard from west of Fair Isle Court to south of Castlerea Boulevard. Work on these streets is scheduled to be completed this fall.

The City has contacted all residents impacted by these projects to notify them of the proposed improvements and/or schedules for completion of the work.

These projects are being completed under the half cent sales storm water improvement tax. The City of Ellisville would like to thank all of the residents impacted by the projects for their patience and cooperation during these improvements. If you would like additional information on the half cent sales tax storm water projects, please contact Mike Hartwig, Assistant City Engineer, at (636) 227-9660 V/TDD.

## Ellisville Police Department Summer Special Enforcement

The Ellisville Police Department constantly seeks opportunities to better serve our community. This summer our agency has participated in various special enforcement details to supplement our patrol division. One special enforcement detail was a DWI saturation patrol that we conducted on Friday, July 30th. The enforcement detail was an effort to proactively target hazardous moving violations that pose a significant threat to the safety of all motorists and pedestrians in our community. The results of the detail are as follows:

- 85 Traffic stops
- 1 Felony DWI arrest
- 2 Misdemeanor DWI arrests
- 2 Possession of a controlled substance arrests
- 2 Fugitive arrests
- 1 Summons issued for an open container

The operation was funded by a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation, thus no budgeted dollars were necessary to conduct the effort. We remind everyone to be smart and think before driving impaired. With our combined efforts, we can make our roads safer!

Our agency also joins with other agencies in the area when we see a regional spike in crime or at the request of any participating West County Municipality. This summer two of our officers were detached to team with the Chesterfield Police Department to form a special enforcement unit with the mission of providing enhanced criminal interdiction to combat recent vehicle and catalytic converter thefts in the region. The special enforcement unit was a success. The team made numerous arrests and even prevented a significant burglary from a business. Crime has no boundaries and our strong relationships with our surrounding agencies are crucial in all aspects of crime prevention. It is our mission to continue to seek opportunities to problem solve and combat the criminal element who prey upon our citizens.

## Electronic Recycling in Bluebird Park



The final two Electronic Recycling Events for 2021 are on Thursday, October 7 and November 4 from 12:00 – 5:00pm in Bluebird Park. There are fees to recycle televisions and a few other things. To find out the fees and more information about what can be recycled visit: [ellisville.mo.us](http://ellisville.mo.us)

## CITY OF ELLISVILLE FILING PROCEDURES APRIL 5, 2022 - GENERAL ELECTION

An election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, to elect a Mayor and one (1) Council Member for District 1 (to fill the remaining three years of an unexpired term). Any Ellisville resident wishing to become a **CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OR DISTRICT 1 COUNCIL MEMBER** may do so by filing an application in writing with the City Clerk, or in her absence with the City Manager, at the Ellisville City Hall, #1 Weis Avenue, between the hours of 8:00am on Tuesday, **December 7, 2021**, and 5:00pm on Tuesday, **December 28, 2021**, with the following **exceptions**: City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 23, 2021 and Friday, December 24, 2021.

Applicants for the office of Mayor or Council Member must be at least 21 years of age. Additionally, all applicants must: (1) be a qualified voter in accordance with State Statutes; (2) be a resident of the City of Ellisville for one year preceding the election; and (3) not owe any unpaid taxes to the City of Ellisville.

If you have any questions, please contact City Clerk Leigh Dohack at (636) 227-9660 x 3039 or by email at [ldohack@ellisville.mo.us](mailto:ldohack@ellisville.mo.us).

### CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Hi everyone! As we are wrapping up the Summer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who offered to volunteer this Summer with helping some of our elderly or disabled residents with yard clean up, mowing and weed removal. I was simply overwhelmed with the amount of people who stepped up to offer their services. My deepest thanks to you.

I would also like to thank, Lance Smith a member of Pathfinder Church who stepped up to clean up a big overgrowth of weeds and shrubbery in an elderly resident's back yard. He tirelessly worked through the terrible heat and has returned several times for upkeep. I believe over 20 truckloads of branches and honeysuckle were taken away. Thank you so much Lance for your huge heart and for giving back to your community I know the resident is so very grateful and so are we here at City Hall. Our hats are off to you kind sir.

I would also like to address as Fall approaches, that when leaf pick up begins and also when Spring branch pick up begins, to please put the leaves (Fall) and fallen branches (Spring) at the edge of your yard not in the street. Last thing we want to do is clog our sewers with these things. Please do not put them in the street or atop sewer lids.

Looking forward to the cooler weather and visits with the residents. Please do not hesitate to call me with any issues. Please talk with your neighbors with simple issues we never know what hardships people are going through and it is always nice to help where we can without penalizing folk on simple easy to fix problems.

I would also like to express my appreciation for 2 other Ellisville residents, John Burns and Jennifer Scott. These two also stepped up to assist other residents requiring assistance with their yards. Thank you for your help and giving spirits. People like this make Ellisville the wonderful place to live that it is. Take care of yourselves and your neighbors, as always it is a pleasure serving you. -Code Enforcement Officer Terry Belew

### Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be accepting wish lists and posing for pictures again this year at Bluebird Park! A light breakfast will be served.

**Saturday, Dec. 4  
9:30-10:30am**

**Park Administration Building**

**\$6.00/person - under 1 FREE**  
(pre-registration required)

### Letters from Santa

Santa has asked us to help him by collecting letters in our "North Pole" Mailbox. We will then forward the letters to the North Pole for a response from Santa. The mailbox will be up from Nov. 26 – Dec. 12 in front of the Park Administration Building.

You may also mail your letters to: SANTA CLAUS  
225 Kiefer Creek Rd.,  
Ellisville, MO 63021.

For more information please visit  
[ellisville.mo.us](http://ellisville.mo.us)



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### City Council Directory

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258 Bonnie Ct.  
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### **Blood Drives at the Park Administration Building**

#### **American Red Cross**

Thursday, September 9, 2:00-6:00pm  
To register, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



#### **Impactlife**

Monday, December 27, 12:00 – 4:00pm  
To register, go to [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) or call (800) 747-5401

### **Recycling in Ellisville**

The City provides at no charge, weekly recycling services to all single family residences. Collection of recyclable goods is every Wednesday. Recycling containers are provided and are available to pick up at City Hall. Although most household items are acceptable, please note the following will not be accepted in the recycling bins: Motor oil, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers, hardcover books, plastic shopping bags (these should be returned to your grocery or department store), plastic sheets, tarps or wrap. Monthly electronic recycling is on the first Thursday of each month at Bluebird Park.

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